

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-8 (canceled)

- See Examiner's Amendment 11-28-06 MY
- 1 9 (currently amended): A method for identifying a compound that modulates cellular proliferation, the method comprising the steps of:
(i) contacting the compound with a SAK polypeptide, the polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid that encodes a SAK polypeptide having at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:2, the polypeptide having serine/threonine kinase activity; and
(ii) determining the functional effect of the compound upon the SAK polypeptide, wherein the functional effect is determined by measuring kinase activity of the SAK polypeptide, which indicates that the compound modulates cellular proliferation.

- 1 10 (original): The method of claim 9, wherein the functional effect is measured
2 in vitro.

11-23 (canceled)

- 1 3 24 (original): The method of claim 9, wherein modulation is inhibition of
2 cellular proliferation.

- 1 4 25 (original): The method of claim 9, wherein modulation is inhibition of cancer
2 cell proliferation.

26-31 (canceled)

- 1 5 32 (original): The method of claim 9, wherein the polypeptide is recombinant.

1 6 33 (original): The method of claim 9, wherein the polypeptide is encoded by a
2 nucleic acid comprising a sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

1 7 34 (original): The method of claim 9, wherein the compound is an antibody.

35 (canceled)

1 8 36 (original): The method of claim 9, wherein the compound is a small organic
2 molecule.

1 9 37 (original): The method of claim 9, wherein the compound is a peptide.

1 10 38 (original): The method of claim 37, wherein the peptide is circular.

39-50 (canceled)